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## OREGON WEATHER

Fair tonight and Thursday;  
northeasterly winds.

## DEVELOPING AN EMPIRE.

The solving of the question of transportation is going to settle most of the other questions that now confront the Rogue valley. Assurance that the new railroad would soon reach the Illinois valley was a chief factor in the location of the sugar factory here, and from the start of the railroad project can be said to date the advance movement in the Grants Pass district. With the completion of the road to the coast and the opening up of the markets of the world without the great handicap of freight rates that now retards development, manufacturing industries are sure to spring up in this region. Other railroads are bound to be projected into this territory in the next few years, and already rumblings of the Hill lines are heard. Some day the banks of the Rogue will be lined with factories, of which the sugar plant is but a forerunner. The sugar factory can come now because it exports a condensed product, but with the completion of roads more bulky commodities can be shipped. Furniture, and houses in the "knock-down" should be promising fields of endeavor, while the proximity of ores, copper and iron especially, will make the establishment of factories for their conversion into tools and machinery profitable. It will be better to ship the finished product than the raw material. Here there is power, cheap fuel and a climate that interposes the fewest obstacles to endeavor. Some day they will be capitalized and made to return dividends.

Today, less than a year from the time the municipal railroad became a fact, there are three going industries along its first mile, and the fourth in that distance is taking shape. Within the city limits the mills of the Moon-Williams Lumber company are successfully operated, while just across the river the Edgerton mills have had an active season, and both are now preparing for the new run. A spray-making plant is also in operation near the Edgerton mills, while workmen are now commencing the building of the sugar factory, the most pretentious industry yet undertaken in southern Oregon. Several other mills, including one of magnitude to be placed in the Illinois valley, will be built during the coming season.

These are the forerunners of great things to come to this district.

Now is the time to plant rose bushes and other flowering shrubbery, and there are many homes and

public places that can be greatly improved in appearance with a little effort. Roses do especially well in the parking strips on the paved streets where there is water available for the summer months, and a few bushes planted out now will add much to the beauty of the municipality. There is some prospect that cheaper water may be supplied during the mid-summer season.

JEAN CRONES MAY  
BE IN PORTLAND

Chicago, Feb. 23.—That Jean Crones, poisoner, may be in Portland, Ore., was indicated today by receipt of a postal card by Chief of Police Healey, purporting to be signed by the missing anarchist.

Dated Portland, Feb. 19, but bearing a Portland postmark of the 18th, the letter read:

"Chief Polis, Chicago:

"I see you're still after me. Why don't you kom out after me. Maybe I can give you some soup. Look out for something to hapen heer soon. I wish I had got the old bishop and judge in the soup, but mabe I get him yet. I'll get some bishop heer. I guess. You look. My true print. I always go with em bom on me. Whoever arrests me will blow up with me.

"JEAN CRONES."

Though not convinced that Crones actually sent it, Healey said that the signature appeared to be genuine. The police think that the Crones taunts are dated a day ahead to deceive the police. This letter is one of a series received since Crones disappeared after the "poison banquet" tendered to Archbishop Mundelein and others at the University club. The other letters mailed in New York were addressed to the New York Times, and claimed that the writer, who professed to be Crones, was working near that city.

Afterward New York police heard that Crones was in New York, but every effort to trail him was unavailing.

"This may be a joker's work," said Chief Healey. "But you never can tell."

The other Crones' letters contained foreign idioms, though they were not so misspelled as the Portland one.

ARRAIGNED FOR  
CRIMINAL LIBEL

Tacoma, Feb. 23.—On the charge of criminally libelling George Washington, father of his country, Paul R. Haffner, a young socialist, will be arraigned this afternoon before Justice Graham.

Haffner was arrested Sunday night on a complaint sworn out by Colonel Albert Joab, because the former printed an article accusing the president with slave-holding, intemperance and other offenses against good behavior.

Justice Graham has declared he would not permit the case against Haffner to be tried in his court, but would merely bind the defendant over to the superior court, where he will have the privilege of a jury trial and where, if found guilty, adequate punishment can be imposed.

Attorneys for Haffner will oppose this move and insist upon Justice Graham proceeding with the case. Many unique and complicated law points will come up for disposal, it is predicted.

Haffner has indicated he may retaliate by bringing a counter-action for criminal libel against Joab because the colonel publicly accused him of being a "red socialist and an anarchist."

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